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HOMAN'S RESOLUTION PASSES

A resolution intended to hasten the work of the house, and introduced Monday noon, with unanimous consent of the house, by W. F. Homan, of Harney, convulsed the house with laughter. Its contents follows:

Whereas, The impression seems to exist, and more especially in the state of Oregon, that the legislature of Oregon is in session and under a full head of steam, and truly it seems to be the case, and

Whereas, the legislature accomplished a flying start and consumed nearly two-thirds of the session limit, and thus far has passed comparatively few bills, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in order to expedite necessary legislation, that the members of this house be divided, for the purpose of debate and discussion, into classes with time limits as herewith set forth:

1. Constitutional lawyers, time limit of two minutes for first offense, a direct and serious warning for second offense, with the dire consequence of the Lewelling bill for the third offense.

2. Lawyers and preachers, time limit of five minutes for speeches, with an allowance of two minutes for repairs in case of blow-out or puncture.

3. Business men shall be allowed five minutes' straight talk.

4. Stuttering members shall be allowed one minute, toward the closing remarks of the preceding speaker, in which to crank up and get a flying start.

5. The speaker of the house, being in a class by himself, may in order to expedite business and make sweet harmony, violate house rule 66, without fear of consequences.

Brief News of the week

The Missouri state senate passed a bill allowing traveling men to vote wherever they may be on election day.

As the result of a rate war, it was announced in Hamburg that \$30 will be the steamer rate to New York on Germany's Dutch steamers.

Clubwomen who recently conducted an egg sale went into the apple business at Chicago and it was announced that about 30,000 barrels had been disposed of at a much less price than asked by retailers.

A silver dollar sent by parcel post was received at the St. Louis postoffice. The stamp was placed on one side of the coin and the address, written on a piece of paper, was glued on the other side.

The two houses of congress met in joint session in the hall of the house on Monday for the purpose of counting the electoral votes and formally declaring the election of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall as president and vice-president, respectively.

What is claimed to be one of the strangest resolutions passed by any responsible body was adopted at a general meeting of the Christchurch Labor Union when the citizens of New Zealand were urged to do all in their power to lessen the birth rate. The compulsory defense act is being bitterly opposed and it is hoped thus to lessen the number of youths who must take compulsory training.

If the federal prosecutors do not insist on too severe a penalty it is possible that the 15 Portland commission men indicted by the United States grand jury for unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, will come into court within a few days and plead guilty, pay whatever fine the court sees fit to impose and agree to "unmerge."

Fourteen members of a hobo party stopped a passenger train on the desert, overawed the crew, terrorized the passengers and took possession of the train for the ride to Los Angeles. When the train arrived at San Bernardino a posse of constables covered the tramps with revolvers. Six surrendered, but eight managed to get away.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

AFTER TURNOW WITH DOGS

Two Young Portlanders Take Bloodhounds on Grim Errand.

Portland.—Equipped with two sawed-off shotguns, enough ammunition and provisions to last for months and taking with them seven well-trained bloodhounds, Charles Smith and Buck Nagel, young men living in this city, are going into Washington to get John Turnow, the man who within a year has killed four deputy sheriffs and two other men. The boys have declared their intention of getting Turnow or never coming back.

For months Smith and Nagel have been training their bloodhounds, and now they are going after the reward in earnest, despite the fact that Turnow has a record as a dead shot and that no one whom he ever went after has gotten away. The Portland boys will secure deputy sheriffs' commissions and will start into the Washington hills as soon as arrangements can be completed, with the intention of dogging the tracks of Turnow until they get him.

Hood River Water Supply in Danger.

Hood River.—The protest of the local commercial club through its president, W. L. Clark, who has written to the Portland water board declaring that the Bull Run water reserve encroaches on the Hood River watershed, may lead to a conference between the local citizens and the Portland officials in an effort to adjust the boundaries. It is probable that members of the Portland board will come here as soon as the weather becomes sufficiently mild and visit the Lost Lake region.

COAL LAND BEING TAKEN UP

Many Valuable Claims Have Already Been Filed On.

Marshfield.—Coal rights which it is believed will later on be highly valuable are being taken up in what is known as the Eden Ridge country, far down on the south fork of the Coquille river and in the southern part of Coos county. Coal of a very fine quality always has been known to exist there, but the previous inaccessibility of the country has caused it to be overlooked. The Smith-Powers Logging company is now building a railroad to that part of the country, and the prospect of transportation has directed attention to the valuable coal deposits.

Anticipating a move of this kind, a prospector and locator has been in the coal country for a year or two past, and has opened veins and investigated the coal on the government lands. He has located investors on these government lands, and in such cases the lands have been filed upon under the mineral act.

S. P. Makes Offer For Terminal.

Marshfield.—The Southern Pacific has made a proposition, the exact details of which are not known, to the terminal company, with a view of securing the tracks and right of way of the terminal down the waterfront in Marshfield. The Southern Pacific right of way is secured through North Bend to the limits of Marshfield. It is stated that the railroad has made a demand of the terminal to accept or refuse the proposition so that the matter of using the waterfront in Marshfield can be settled finally.

Lake County Deal Closed.

Klamath Falls.—A deal which has been pending two years was closed when the deeds to the lands held by the Oregon Military Land Grant company were filed here by the Oregon Land Corporation.

This land was originally granted for the construction of the military wagon road across the Cascade mountains to Lakeview, in Lake county. The grant lies north of the Klamath Indian reservation, that within the reservation having been exchanged for lands outside. There are about 50,000 acres in Klamath county and the deeds call for a consideration of about \$4 per acre. Much of the land is said to be fine timber, some is good pasture and some good for agriculture. What their plans are for handling the lands are not made public.

Hill Extension Wanted.

Klamath Falls.—Rufus R. Wilson, director of the Humboldt Development committee, has been here from Eureka, Cal., with a view to interesting this section in an attempt to induce the Oregon Trunk railway (Hill line) to build from this point to Eureka.

The country to be traversed is largely without railroad facilities, and there is an immense amount of fine timber on the proposed route. There is also much good placer mining along the route, and some fine quartz mines.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Twenty-two cups, valued at \$250, are offered as prizes at the Union poultry show, to be held February 13, 14 and 15.

James S. Royall, Oregon pioneer of 1852, Indian fighter and former owner of a portion of Portland's east side, died at his home in Forest Grove of acute kidney trouble.

Under direction of T. F. Smith, of Talent, chief inspector for the district, orchards in Ashland territory are being overhauled by county horticultural officials for evidence of blight or scale.

The general merchandise store and hotel of J. W. Meyers & Son, at Hebo, were burned to the ground. The entire stock and hotel furnishings were destroyed. The loss was \$20,000, partly insured.

A bank, to be known as the Bank of Shedd, will be established at Shedd, in Linn county, articles of incorporation having been filed in the county clerk's office Friday. The bank will have a capital stock of \$15,000.

Fire at Bend wiped out a row of frame buildings with a loss of about \$10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Two saloons, barber shop, restaurant, pool hall and a bowling alley were put out of business. The same site was cleared by fire in November, 1910.

With the end in view of establishing a cement plant at Vale, George S. Mills is developing the big gypsum deposit on the hill east of town, in an effort to interest outside capital. Should such a plant be established, it would be the only one of its kind between Ogden and Portland.

Judge Kelly of the circuit court at Albany, pronounced sentence in the liquor cases. J. D. Kennedy, on two convictions, was sentenced to pay a \$605 fine and serve 50 days in jail; Walter A. Marks, \$400 fine and 10 days; Ed Ackerman, \$150 fine. E. D. Henry, of Harrisburg, convicted on two counts, failed to appear.

Apple trees which were planted 56 years ago by the late A. G. Marshall, a well-known Linn county pioneer, on his farm seven miles east of Albany, are yet bearing splendidly. There was a good crop on the trees last fall. Three different varieties of apples are included in the old trees, Baldwins, Spitzenbergs and Bellflowers.

To pave at least ten blocks with hard-surface pavement during the coming summer is the object of a special committee appointed by the Dallas commercial club to interview the property owners to be affected by the proposed improvement. They report much progress. The proposed improvement will take in the entire business district.

Bandon is assured a public library. A mass meeting was held to discuss plans for the establishment and maintenance of a library. A considerable sum was raised as a nucleus and a soliciting committee was appointed to continue the work until the sum of \$500 was secured for the special purpose of buying more books and \$500 for a maintenance fund.

The commissioners of Jackson county have authorized preliminary surveys for an improved road over the Siskiyou, south of Ashland. This movement is really one result of the Pacific Highway agitation, and is in line with other work in view, which has for its aim a connecting link between the Oregon and California subdivisions of this big interstate road.

The contract for the sale of 163,000, 100 feet of timber in the Umpqua national forest to the United States Logging company, a new corporation, with headquarters at Cottage Grove, was signed Thursday and sent to Washington for the approval of the interior department. The company was the only bidder. Most of the timber is Douglas fir, which, with the red cedar and sugar pine, sold at \$1.25 for each 1000 feet. The hemlock was sold at 50 cents.

Another impetus to the dairying industry in central Oregon is the establishment of a cheese factory at Laidlaw. John B. Wimer, a Laidlaw merchant and rancher, is the promoter of the enterprise, the first in Crook county and the second in central Oregon. Mr. Wimer has already placed orders for machinery and is now on a trip to Corvallis and other Willamette valley points, purchasing cows which will be imported. Mr. Wimer will buy nearly 100 head, which will be distributed among the ranchers. Mr. Wimer estimates that 300 pounds of cheese will be turned out daily.

The bottling plant of the Eastern Oregon company at The Dalles, was gutted by a fire. The bottling works were in a stone building, with shingle roof detached from the brewery proper, which made it possible for the firemen to successfully cope with the fire, though for a time it was thought the brewery was doomed. The wooden partitions and roof were entirely destroyed, and the machinery badly damaged, causing a loss of probably \$5000, but the walls are intact, being only slightly damaged. The origin of the fire is not known. The brewing company will rebuild the bottling works at once.

CORPORATION TAX UPHELD

Judge Renders Verdict in State's Favor in Forty Cases.

San Francisco.—In 40 simultaneous decisions here Judge Sturtevant of the superior court upheld the constitutionality of the state corporation tax law of 1911. The court also found that the good will and dividend-earning capacity of a corporation conferred by the state when it grants a franchise may be taxed by the state.

The corporations had argued that a franchise worth millions could be taxed for only the actual amount it cost the company to obtain it—not more than a few thousand dollars.

By agreement all the test cases in the state were gathered together and argued before Judge Sturtevant. The companies were suing E. D. Roberts, the state treasurer, for taxes they had paid under the law, aggregating about \$400,000.

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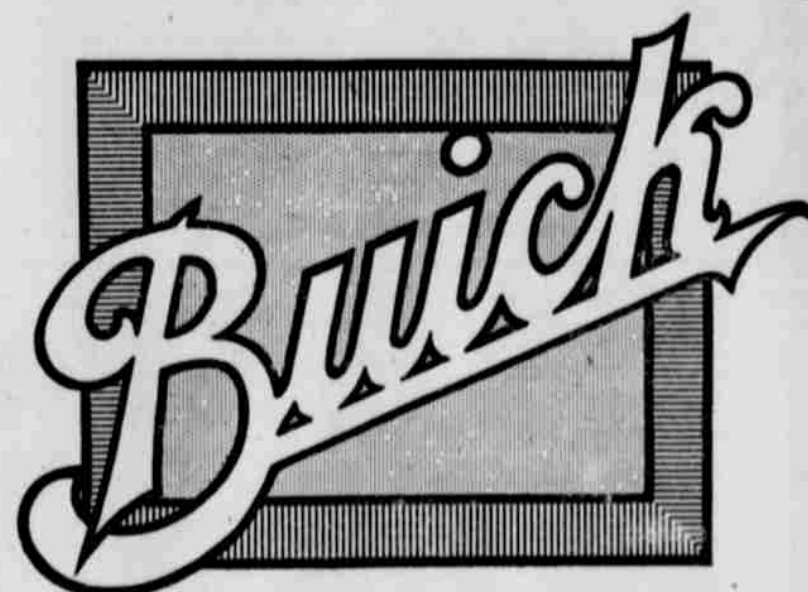
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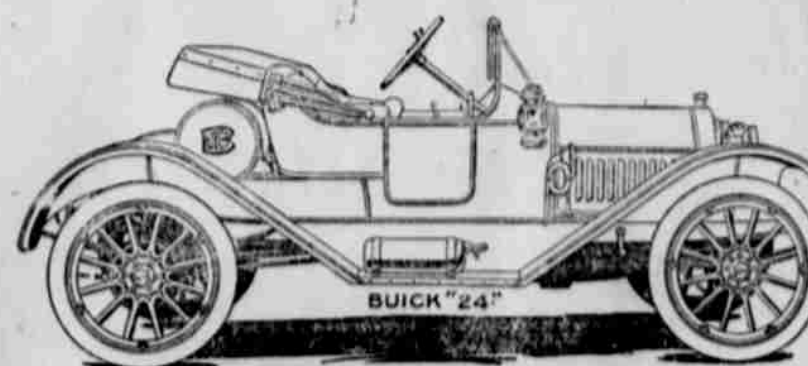
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